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SUBJECT: GENERAL STROESSNER BEGINS THIRD DECADE AS  
PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY

1. AT A COLORADO PARTY RALLY HELD LAST NIGHT ON THE  
EVE OF HIS TWENTIETH YEAR AS PRESIDENT, DURABLE PARA-  
GUAYAN CAUDILLO GENERAL ALFREDO STROESSNER HEARD CALLS  
FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIM  
TO RUN FOR ANOTHER TERM IN 1978. ALTHOUGH STROESSNER  
DID NOT RESPOND DIRECTLY, THE PLEAS FOR CONTINUATION  
SURPRISED NO ONE IN PARAGUAY WHERE IT IS WIDELY ASSUMED  
THAT A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO FACILITATE THIS WILL  
BE CALLED IN 1975 OR 1976.

2. ALTHOUGH ACHIEVEMENT OF TWENTY YEARS IN POWER  
REPRESENTS A TRULY REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN FORMERLY  
TURBULENT PARAGUAY, STROESSNER'S ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS  
WAS NOTEWORTHY ONLY FOR ITS PREDICTABILITY. IN  
HIS THIRTY-FIVE MINUTE SPEECH THE PRESIDENT ADHERED  
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STRICKLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL COLORADO POLITICAL FORMULA

OF QTE PEACE AND PROGRESS UNQTE, PROMISION ONLY  
MORE OF THE SAME.

3. THE STROESSNER ANNIVERSARY COINCIDED  
WITH THE  
437TH BIRTHDAY OF ASUNCION. BOTH WERE CELEBRATED  
WITH THE CUSTOMARY RECEPTION OF DIPLOMATS, BRIEF  
MILITARY PARADE AND MUNICIPAL CEREMONIES. ASUNCION  
DAILY NEWSPAPERS WERE NEARLY DOUBLED IN SIZE BY  
SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS DEDICATED TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENT AND HEAVY WITH PAID CON-  
GRATULATORY ADVERTISING FROM LOCAL FIRMS.  
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